Residents & Trade Unionists unite
Tell the Corpo and Pickerings...

PAY THE STRIKERS
FIX THE LIFTS

For years, residents of Ballymun have had to put up with broken down lifts.

Sick or elderly residents, people loaded down with young children and shopping as well as pregnant women have all suffered. Our lifts have been breaking down regularly because of years of under-investment and neglect.

Instead of investing money in new lifts, Dublin Corporation has tendered out maintenance of the clapped-out lifts to a private company.

Pickerings lifts, which holds the contract to repair the lifts in our estate, is paid over £1,000,000 a year by the Corpo.

But just like us residents, the workers at Pickerings Lifts see little benefit from this money.

The bosses of Pickerings Lifts refuse to pay their workers proper wages or give them decent conditions.

As a result of the greed of the bosses of the lift companies there is a national strike of lift repair workers.

The lift companies are attacking travelling time, meal allowance and overtime and holiday pay of the workers.

The strikers have voluntarily agreed to provide an emergency service, at their own expense to keep one lift running per tower block.

Hardship cases in the spine blocks, e.g. pregnant women or people with disabilities, should contact the TEEU, Parnell Sq.

The employers have tried to undermine this emergency service, by taking away mobile phones, vans and the personal liability insurance of the workers.

When the strike began the company wanted to control all emergency call-outs so that they could charge for them. All the same the strikers are keeping up the service via the Union, for free.

Working class people should stand together. Residents and trade unionists should stand together and demand that Pickerings pay its workers their reasonable demands and get our lifts working again.

We should also demand that more resources are put into our facilities in Ballymun by the Corporation and the redevelopment of the whole estate is speeded up.

Ballymun Lifts Campaign

Is Pat Kenny our friend?

Pat Kenny has commented on the lift strike crying crocodile tears for the residents whose lifts are out of order.

He is trying to pose as a friend of the people of Ballymun as he attacks the strikers.

This is the same Pat Kenny who a few months ago insulted the people of Ballymun on the air.

He claimed we were little better than animals living in our own filth!

Then he refused a right to reply by residents on his programme!

We have much more in common with the workers who maintain our lifts than with this arrogant disk jockey who lives in luxury.

Newspapers like the *Star* and the *Herald* have also joined in on the attacks on the lift workers. These papers are owned by billionaire Tony O'Reilly.

He wants to help out his friends in big business by getting us to turn against the lift workers.

Trade unionists and residents should stand together.

In 1982 the residents of Ballymun picketed the home of the then owner of the lifts service in support of a better service and the claims of lift workers then on strike.

That sort of solidarity is needed today and not the divisions that the bosses are trying to stir up.

That's why the Ballymun Lifts Campaign is running a coach to Pickerings head office (Dunboyne) to join with the pickets there and make it clear we want a better lift service and support the workers right to have decent pay and conditions.

Come on the bus to show your support. Bus leave outside swimming pool at 2.00pm on Wednesday 12th August and will return for 5.pm

More details 862 2209

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Join with the strikers picket at Pickerings
Coach leaves Wednesday 12th August,
2pm Swimming Pool (back by 5pm)